

DIVISION 3. SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Sec. 2-101. Created.

There is hereby created a senior citizens board for the town. The board's mission will be to promote the health, safety and well-being of the town's senior citizens. The town's senior citizens are defined as its residents who are sixty (60) years of age or older.
(Ord. of 11-13-01(1))

Sec. 2-102. Membership and term of office.

The board will consist of nine voting members appointed by the board of selectmen. Members will serve without compensation. The board of selectmen shall appoint three voting members to an initial term ending June 30, 2002; three (3) voting members to an initial term ending June 30, 2003; and three (3) voting members to an initial term ending June 30, 2004. After conclusion of the initial term of office, voting members will be appointed to three-year terms to begin on the 1st of July in the year of the member's appointment. If any voting member's position becomes vacant, the board of selectmen shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the member's term. The failure of a voting member to attend four (4) consecutive meetings of the board shall constitute cause for the board of selectmen to remove the member and fill the position thus vacated.

The board's voting members shall be electors of the town. The board of selectmen shall have the discretion to appoint the town's municipal agent for the elderly as an ex-officio member of the board without voting power. The ex-officio member's term on the board will coincide with the ex-officio member's term of service as municipal agent. The ex-officio member need not be an elector of the town.
(Ord. of 11-13-01(1))

Sec. 2-103. Election of officers, adoption of procedures, and quorum.

The board shall hold an organization meeting within thirty (30) days after the board of selectmen appoints the initial membership. At the organization meeting, the board shall elect officers and may then or afterwards adopt bylaws and operating procedures consistent with the town's charter and this division.

Beginning July 1, 2002, the board shall hold an organization meeting in July of each year and elect its officers at that time.

A simple majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the board to transact its business.

(Ord. of 11-13-01(1))

Sec. 2-104. Powers of the board.

The board shall have the following specific powers in addition to those powers conferred upon the town's board and commissions by the town's charter:

- (1) To analyze services and programs available through public and private agencies for the town's senior citizens;
- (2) To make recommendations to the board of selectmen regarding the development and application of services and programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens;
- (3) To exchange information with the state's commission on aging;
- (4) To apply to the state's commission on aging, or to other public agencies, for assistance in planning and coordinating services and programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens;
- (5) To receive gifts and grants in the name of the town for the benefit of the town's senior citizens, and to administer such gifts or grants in accordance with terms of this ordinance and in accordance with any specific purposes or limitations stated in such gifts or grants; and
- (6) To conduct programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens, provided monies for such programs are available by gift, grant, or appropriation from the town's budget. The programs to be conducted may include, without being limited to, subsidized travel arrangements and subsidized food services for the benefit of the town's senior citizens.

(Ord. of 11-13-01(1))